

Walk & ...in Ayr

Talk... Thursday 11 June 2015



Scottish charity
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Edward Bruce 700

Edward Bruce 700 commemorates Edward Bruce's campaign in Ireland, 1315-18. Fresh from Bannockburn, Edward Bruce, brother of Robert the Bruce, sailed from Ayr to Larne 700 years ago, with the aim of bringing Ireland under one rule and also to open a second front against the English. With complex family connections in Ulster, this enterprise by the Bruces had initial success, before failing, but left a legacy of strong Scottish-Irish links.

Dr William Roulston of the Ulster Historical Foundation will give the morning talk about the campaign, in the historic **Loudoun Hall**, one of the oldest buildings in Ayr and a rare early example of a Scottish townhouse. Built about 1513 for a wealthy merchant, and restored in the mid-20th century by the Marquess of Bute, it is now home to several societies, including the Ayrshire Archaeological and Natural History Society, who are providing the guide for our afternoon walk to sites of historic interest in Ayr.

<http://www.scotlandsplaces.gov.uk/record/rcahms/41819/ayr-new-bridge-street-loudoun-hall/rcahms>

PROGRAMME 10.30-15.30

10.30 • Meet in the **Loudoun Hall** for tea/coffee (included).
• Talk by Dr William Roulston.

12.30-14.00 Lunch break (lunch is not provided)

14.00 • Walk around old Ayr led by local historian Tom Barclay.

Do wear sensible shoes, and be prepared to walk for around one and a half hours.

Participants will be given a copy of **Edward Bruce 700: Heritage Trail booklet and map**, produced by Eric Graham, William Roulston and Mark Thompson.

GETTING THERE Loudoun Hall is in Boat Vennal (KA7 1HX) off either Harbour Street or New Bridge St. near the New Bridge (A719), almost opposite the end of High St.

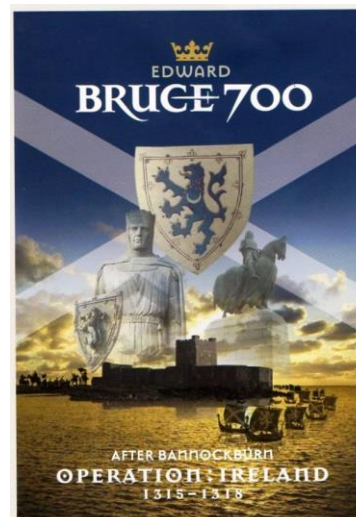
BY RAIL - about 10-15 min walk from the station. On leaving the station turn right, follow Burns Statue Square, then the High St. to the end, cross New Bridge St. at lights, turn right and Boat Vennal is the last alley on your left before the New Bridge.

BY BUS - The Bus Station is even nearer, about 5 mins walk. Larger buses park in Douglas St. outside the Bus Station. Follow Sandgate / New Bridge St. Turn left into Boat Vennal, just after traffic lights to High St (on right) and before the New Bridge.

BY CAR - Parking map

<http://gis.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/map/mapParking.htm>

This 'Walk & Talk' is organised by the Scottish Local History Forum, in conjunction with the Ulster Historical Foundation, and with the assistance of the Ayrshire Archaeological and Natural History Society and Loudoun Hall Trustees.



Loudoun Hall

BOOKING FORM - WALK & TALK in AYR

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BOOK BY POST OR ONLINE (last date for booking is 8 June)

Book and pay online at <https://www.slhf.org/event/edward-bruce-700-walk-and-talk> (Ayr - 11 June)

OR Send this form by post with a cheque payable to 'Scottish Local History Forum' to
**SLHF Administrator,
Box 103,
12 South Bridge,
Edinburgh EH1 1DD.**

Places are limited and will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis.

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No of places: Members @ £10 per head

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Names:.....

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A cheque for £..... payable to 'Scottish Local History Forum' is enclosed.

To receive confirmation of booking please provide your email address or send a stamped SAE. To receive a map of Ayr please send stamped SAE.